WEATHER—Fair and warmer. Tomorrow fair

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Another School House Burned

Arrangements For Big Banquet

FORMER RESIDENT CONVICTED OF INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER

Autoist Held For Death of Teacher

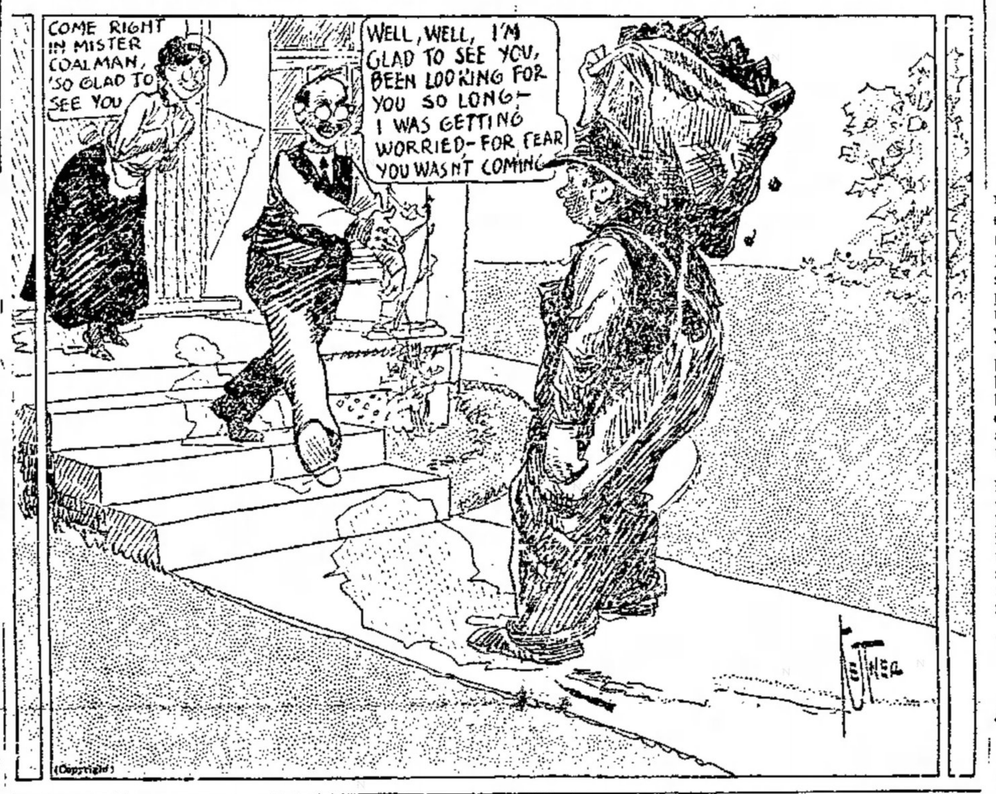
Adam M. Scherha, of McKeesport formerly employed in the undertaking business there, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the Westmoreland county courts Thursday night, the case being given to the jury Thursday morning at ten o'clock. Sentence will probably be announced today.

In outlining the case to the jury, Attorney Cope stated that on April 19, 1920, at a point on the Lincoln Highway, west of Irwin, the defendant, driving a high powered automobile dashed against a company of Norwin High school teachers with the result that Miss Margaret McGrath, of Athens, O., the art teacher, was killed and the other members of the company, consisting of Miss Nell Bollman, Miss Alma Seaton and Harry Crookston were badly injured. Miss Seaton had to be taken to her home at Mt. Pleasant for several weeks to recover from the injury which she received.

Attorney Cope also stated that the defendant, acting as driver, was under the influence of liquor at the time the accident happened. He said that it was possible for him to have kept to the left going west but his car was directed across the road and struck the school teachers.

Monday afternoon, April 19, a social party had been in action at Haydenville. Several people including a Catholic priest of McKeesport, were present. One young girl was also in the automobile. By people who were present shortly after the accident happened, it was stated that booze was in the automobile and that the driver was under the influence of liquor. After the teacher was killed and taken to Irwin, the defendant, the priest and the girl were arrested. At first the defendant was placed in jail. The priest was detained in one of the hotels in the vicinity of the jail but was not a prisoner in the strict term if imprisonment.

Welcome, Thrice Welcome


COME RIGHT IN MISTER COALMAN, SO GLAD TO SEE YOU
WELL, WELL, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU, BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU SO LONG— I WAS GETTING WORRIED—FOR FEAR YOU WASN'T COMING

Building at Speers Was Destroyed

For the third time within the past month a school house has been destroyed by fire in this section, all the fires being of incendiary origin. Last evening the four room frame school building at Speers, was completely destroyed with all its contents. The first building destroyed was that of the Marion school in Washington township, near Fairhope and a few weeks later a dance hall, used as a temporary school building, was destroyed. Just a few days ago the large school building at Phillipsburg in East Pike Run township was destroyed.

In Ligonier township three school buildings have also been destroyed within the past six weeks. The fires have practically all been traced to incendiary origin and it is believed that the enforcement of the compulsory school law might be in a way responsible for the starting of the fires.

The fire in Speers was discovered by Oscar Strensky of Twilght, while he was on his way home from work. When volunteers arrived to fight the flames, they found the door unlocked and the rooms filled with smoke. The blaze had gained such headway that it was impossible to fight the flames and the building and contents were quickly destroyed.

One of the finest librarys in the valley was owned by the school and this, too, was completely destroyed. Seventy-five pupils attended school here and the teachers are Miss Rose Hunt and Mrs. Grimes. The estimated loss is placed at $20,000.

The Charleroi fire department was called and when it arrived the firemen saw that their efforts to save the school building would be in vain so confined their work to the Methodist church, which was directly opposite and saved this building from destruction, although it was damaged to the extent of $200. The school directors will meet today and probably will decide to hold school in the church building for the present.

Nine Burn in New York Tenement House

New York, Nov. 20.—Nine persons were killed today in a fire which swept a tenement house in Harlem. The ruins were being searched for more bodies. The charred remains of three children were among the first carried from the building. Some of the dead were unidentified.

The tenement house had 100 tenants. At five o'clock a. m., fire was discovered on the first floor. It spread so quickly that Harry Sturkers, who turned in the alarm, found escape by the front door blocked by a wall of flame. He climbed out of a ground floor window.

With a roar the fire swept up the stair wall, and was soon crackling through the structure from basement to roof. Terrified men, women and children in their night clothing hung screaming from window with flames coming behind them. Many fled down the fire escapes but others were unable to reach them and remained at the windows until firemen reached them with scaling ladders.

Others jumped from the second story windows to the sidewalk many sustaining slight injuries.

The great crowd watching groaned when two figures at one window silhouetted against the red glare of the fire behind them, suddenly vanished as a flame puffed out through the opening. One moment they were screaming for help and waving to those in the streets. The next moment they were gone and fire was spouting from the window.

Firemen reported that other victims appeared to have been trapped in their beds. Several charred forms were found huddled at bedroom doors, where they had fallen as they were groping their way through the dense smoke.

Many sensational rescues were made by firemen of Hook and Ladder No. 30, and Hook and Ladder No. 28. They carried scores of persons down the sides of the building.

Chief Kenlon believes the fire may have started in the wicker baby carriages in the lower hall. There were five of them at the point where the flames were noticed.

FIRST REPORT

The first mill to be visited for its Red Cross Roll Call subscription was the Page Steel plant which yesterday gave $543.00 to this worthy cause, and subscriptions are still coming. The subscription was not, as usual, taken in the mill, but ladies of the committee visited the men as the pay was being made, and the response was the above generous one.

The campaign is being continued with the utmost vigor, with a disposition on the part of all to make the Roll Call a success.

ATTENTION TURNERS

A special meeting will be held on Sunday, November 21, at 3 o'clock sharp. New business.

40-21-fp By Order of President.

Many Attend Game

Hundreds of football fans left the city today, but instead of traveling toward Pittsburgh for the big collegiate games, they are headed toward the Fayette County seat where the champion Monessen High school team is trying conclusions with the undefeated Uniontown team. The game is attracting great interest in the Pittsburgh district and if Monessen should win they will be the logical claimants for the W. P. I. A. L. championship. Rochester will be the only other undefeated High school team having a claim for the honors and if both teams remain undefeated after today's contests, it is quite likely that a game will be arranged at Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, for the playoff and the winner will be awarded the Syracuse cup. Monessen has the best football team in the history of the school and will be equally as strong next season as only three players will be lost by graduation.

K. of C. Bowling News

Monessen Council took over the fast Donora Council 2 out of 3 last night on the Monessen alleys. A good sized crowd was on hand to cheer the home team and they let themselves be known. Duke had high score with 182. More power to you, Duke.

Monessen	537	542	479
Donora	465	418	511

Plans for the Council League were put through and Dudas and Hanlon teams will meet Sunday evening. Dudas says he will have that Xmas present but Hanlon says not. Capt. Ryan says, will you listen to them talk, and along comes Capt. Duke and says, wait until you see my Kilkinney cats, then watch the fur fly. The Independent says more power to you boys, and we will see that the news gets out for you.

Wedding Anniversary

Mrs. John Benson entertained on Thursday afternoon in honor of her sister, Mrs. Lee McClery at the latter's home on Manown avenue, it being the twelfth anniversary of her marriage. At 12:30 o'clock the guests were ushered into the dining room where covers were laid for 12 and a sumptuous dinner was served by the hostess. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in gossip, crocheting and plenty of music. Late in the afternoon the guests departed for their homes, wishing Mrs. McClery many more years of happiness and prosperity.

Those present were Mrs. Richard Teeters, Mrs. Leopold Stassin, Mrs. William Harris, Jr., Mrs. Hiram Leonard, Mrs. Jake Berg, Mrs. John Benson, Mrs. Abe Teeters, Mrs. Lee McClery, Miss Sadie Cooper, Miss Carrie Teeters, Miss Mabel McClery, and Messrs Harold McClery, and Lee McClery.

LARGE ATTENDENCE AT THE BOARD OF TRADE MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT

The Board of Trade held its regular monthly meeting last night in the High school building with a good attendance and much interest. The committee on streets and roads and the educational committees made reports. Mr. Eli H. Wolf made a report for the development committee. Prof. Blackburn announced the attractions that will appear here during institute week and urged interest and attendance. A representative of the Rainbow Truck line was present and asked that the Board give his proposition some form of endorsement. Chairman Reese announced that there could be no objection to bringing the matter to the attention of the Board, but unless there was some modification of precedents that no action could be taken on a stock selling proposition. The matter was dropped.

Warrants were ordered drawn for a number of bills. Lorrin Culler made a report of the financial transactions of the Fourth of July celebration. The balance of about $200 was turned over to the general fund. Mr. Lohman asked for information about the retention of twelve head of horses for the police department and under this topic Mr. Ely was asked for a statement as to the introduction of a mounted police system in the town and the desire of the mill interests with regard to perpetuating it. He said he was not authorized to speak for the mills, but that in justice to all concerned, he would state the facts briefly.

He said that the whole idea was conceived in the minds of officials of the town and not in the minds of the mill interests; that borough officials about the time of the steel strike, put the matter up to the mills claiming that extra police should be maintained and that if the mills would share the expense they would introduce such a system. The mills gave the borough to understand that they would divide the expense and that out of $30,000 expense the mills paid $17,000. This included horses, saddles, bridles, uniforms, attendant and feed and that the borough made up the remaining $13,000.

He said that a few months later Chairman Hunter of the council, reported to the mills that the system was working fine and that the public was well pleased with the change and that the council and citizens of the town wanted the system continued that greater protection was being afforded every persons. The mills again consented to go along until July 1st of this year and continued to pay their share. This arrangement has been carried out at the request of the borough officials.

At a meeting held this week, Dr. Hunter was the only borough official present and a further continuation of the mounted police system was recommended to which the mills consented, providing they could withdraw from any share of the expense on December 1st, and surrender to the borough their interest in all of the equipment for the sum of $1.00. It was figured that at the end of another year the salvage in horses, saddles, etc., would be enough to pay the expense of maintenance for at least a portion of the time.

This report was taken to council and accepted and will be carried out. Mr. Ely said that the mills had no thought at any time, of doing anything that would be opposed to public sentiment and that their interest in the matter was purely unselfish and was developed through advice given them by the men connected with public affairs. The explanation was sufficient to satisfy those present that our mills had never attempted to encourage anything that would inflict a burden upon the taxpayers or to oppose public sentiment. It could be seen that the mills were urged to come across and help the town out and it was in a spirit of cooperation that the whole arrangement was worked out.

After this discussion the chair appointed a nominating committee to report at the next meeting on officers for the coming year. The executive committee was authorized to prepare for the annual banquet and to get speakers of national reputation. James McKenna sent in a long list of names for membership and upon motion they were admitted. The Board adjourned until the next regular meeting.

GERMANY WILL DISREGARD TREATY CLAUSE

By HENRY WOOD

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Geneva, Nov. 20—The question of how the League of Nations will meet Germany's threat to disregard that clause of the treaty of Versailles involving allocation of her colonies under various mandates occupied the attention of the league assembly today.

Although other matters were to come before the assembly for discussion, as the result of a fixed program, it was privately admitted by many delegates that Germany's attitude furnished the one big problem now confronting the League, and that the Assembly must of necessity devote much of its time to finding a quick solution.

Unofficial conversations among the delegates turned to what steps the League, entrusted with enforcement of the treaty, could take to compel Germany's acknowledgement of the real nature of the entire pact. While none of the delegates would consent to be quoted to that effect, the impression seemed to be general that under present conditions, the League would have to depend solely upon economic pressure. That this would be efficacious was regarded as certain, owing to Germany's peculiar vulnerability in this direction at this particular time.

At the same time the question has arisen as to how Germany would propose to evade the particular clause of the treaty to which she takes exception. The only suggestion that has been advanced in this connection is that she would refuse payment of the indemnities, either by outright defiance or alleged inability to pay.

British and French headquarters

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All Star Entertainment

Tonight's program at the Moose Smoker is more than the promised surprise. Digger Stanley, director-general of these events, having secured the combative aspirants of the upper and lower Monongahela valley. Consequently, the officers request that our locals get in on time, as the followers of these boys, great as they were numerically, at the last smoker, will be much heavier tonight. The Brownsville contingent has made reservations for one hundred, Charleroi is ably represented and McKeesport aspirants have quite a following. In any case, the locals can be on time and secure good seats. While the crowd is expected to be bigger, the officers have made arrangements accordingly. Again we say come and enjoy yourself. While there is no feature beyond the final, it may be in order to mention the fact that outside of the all star boxing bouts, three in number, there will be a battle royal. While not nature colored (name reserved) will be a very interesting and entertaining part of the program. This together with the musical to be used at intervals will eclipse any previous effort of this live organization.

Discovered in Time

Another attempt at arson was discovered in Donora at an early hour this morning, when a fire boss at the mines on his way to work at about three o'clock, discovered a small blaze in the confectionery and grocery store owned by the proprietors of the skating rink, which was set afire several weeks ago. Paper and other rubbish had been placed between the screen and windows and had evidently just been set afire when discovered. He quickly drew the burning paper from the window and notified the proprietors. There was no damage.

Tomorrow afternoon local football fans will travel to Donora to witness the clash between the Lawrence A. A. and the Keystones of this city. The Donora team last week was defeated by a margin of three points with the Pine Harvey team of Pittsburg as the opponents. The Keystones have not lost a game this season and will be strengthened for the big game tomorrow by the return of Shoemaker, the soldier half back, who has secured a leave of absence for this game after which he will return to camp at Virginia.

PLOT UNEARTHED

(By United Press)

New York, Nov. 20—A plot to unload arsenals and dangerous explosives in the port of New York has been unearthed by immigration officers, according to Jerome Walsh, United States commissioner of immigration, who addressed the National Industrial Council last night. Walsh declared the plot had been discovered into by agents of [illegible] immigration laws.

Ford Employees Entertained at Elks Club

The entire staff of employees, including those aiding in stock taking at the local Ford garage, were entertained in a very fitting manner last evening at the Monessen Elks club. The host, Mr. R. T. Dale, local Ford agent, received his guests at 8:30 an hour being devoted to sociability, after which they were seated at the table in the dining room to a dinner consisting of pheasant and all the delicacies required to make up a fitting Thanksgiving dinner. After dinner the guests listened to talks on workmanship and salesmanship by three prominent men associated with the Ford Motor Co., of Pittsburgh. Paul Hughes, who has just finished the installation of the Ford accounting system, gave a talk on accounting and salesmanship, which proved both interesting and beneficial to those concerned. The other speakers talked on workmanship and general efficiency. The party then repaired to the parlor where Messrs George Helmbolit, Dan Harris and Watson Johns entertained very fittingly with musical numbers. An enjoyable time was had by all who attended.

Likes Arizona City

E. J. Hebers, the local young man, who left about a week ago for Phoenix, Ariz., to attend school, has written an interesting letter of his journey through the western states and is well pleased with his new location which has a population of 29,000, but covers as much territory as a city twice the size would cover in the east. He states that there are quite a lot of Mexicans, Indians and a few negroes in the city, but very few other foreigners.

The town is described as being perfectly level, all asphalt streets forty feet wide with palm trees planted along the walks and the houses nearly all are made of cement and brick, being all bungalows, with the exception of the business district. The altitude is about eleven hundred feet and there is no dirt or smoke. Mr. Hebers enjoyed his trip over the mountains viewing the wonderful scenery and the white capped peaks of the mountains while in the valleys cotton was in full bloom along with the orange groves, fig trees and roses all in full bloom. He was on the desert for three days with nothing but sand and barren ground visible for many miles.

GERMANY SENT NOTE

(By United Press)

Berlin, Nov. 20—Germany has sent a note to the League of Nations requesting that the full assembly, not the council, take action on German questions regarding Eupen and Malmedy.

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REPUBLICAN IN POLITICS

PURSUING GRAFT

"Muck racking" was the favorite topic of current literature some dozen years ago. Articles on "The Shame of our Cities" ran in the magazines. No periodical would sell unless it was letting the stink out of some form of public dishonesty. It was an ill smelling and depressing mess, and it made you ashamed of human nature and civic failure. No doubt good was accomplished, however, for public officials found that the people resent these conditions and that they could build up a successful career only on a basis of honesty.

But graft is not a thing you can extirpate once for all. Just now the country is stirred by charges of widespread dishonesty in the shipping and building industries. Many of these charges may not be sustained. But the people will want them probed to the bottom and will demand that those found guilty shall be given the limit of the law. There is only one place where a grafter is welcome and that is in jail.

People who do business with contractors and public officials in many municipalities, say that it is difficult to get orders on public work unless they pay rake-offs to some buyer or other official. If there is nothing coming along that line, there is nothing doing. Some people think that the money for such practices comes out of those who pay it. Not at all. Not at all. It is charged up as one of the costs of doing business and the people pay it in taxes or cost of goods.

In this time when people are struggling with the cost of living, it seems the limit of meanness to add to their burdens by these abuses. Graft will exist in public administration as long as the people are fooled by smart talkers, and prefer them to competent and dependable business men.

THOSE PROFITEERS

It is announced by the department of justice that the government drive against profiteers and high cost of living ended Nov. 1. Records show that $500,000 was expended in the fight against extortion and officials believe their campaign successful. Fines aggregating $275,000 have been assessed against 181 profiteers already convicted and further fines are anticipated from the 200 cases yet to be tried.

Prison sentences imposed total 11 years for the 40 odd convictions most of the sentences were short. No one was hung high as Hanam, or hun at all. Of course, it is understood that the guilty have not all been brought to the bar of justice.

DOUBLE PAY ROLL

One of the complaints which the taxpayers have been making is against the wasteful administration of the government. Before the war it took only one half the number of employees to run the government that it takes at present. This number now is 1,066,706. The population of the country has not doubled nor has its requirements, but the tax payers are supporting twice as many employees as before the war. One person in every hundred in the country is now on federal payroll.

The position of women is one of the surest tests of a nation's civilization, and it is, perhaps, on this score that the United States has the most reason to be proud. The social result of women's widening sphere of interest is very marked, and the more knowledge women have and the more responsibility they take, the stronger the general fabric of our civilization will be.

Women jurors clerk a milkman for a fine of $50 for watering milk.

Two of the new dances are said to be called "cat step" and "camel walk." Ever since the "turkey trot" was invented the terpsichorean originators seem to have borrowed about all their ideas from the lower walks of animal life. But just tell people they walk like a turkey, a camel or a cat and see what they hand you.

in Kansas City. This is said to be 10 times as great as the ordinary fine imposed by men juries. Are women harsher than men on law offenders, is the natural query. Well, perhaps not; but men have never tried to bake a pie or cake with watered milk. *See the connection?*

For giving the face good color, get one pot or rouge and one rabbit's foot. Bury them two miles from home and walk out and back once a day to see if they are still there.

That familiar phrase, "drop like a thousand of brick" was given a very sharp significance by the announcement that the price of bricks had dropped from $32 to $20 a thousand.

Now that the sale of hops and malt have been restricted, it is predicted that a large number of people will become bakers and confectioners.

People who claim that news travels fast should reflect on the time it takes the retailers to learn of wholesale price reductions.

Christmas Seal Sale

Harrisburg, Nov. 19.—In connection with the 1920 Christmas Seal sale, Tuberculosis Day will be observed in Pennsylvania. The dates selected are Friday, December 3, in the schools and Sunday, December 5 in the churches.

In the schools, principals, teachers, physicians and laymen will speak on the nature and treatment of tuberculosis and how to prevent the disease. Health plays will also be given. Many pastors on December 5 will devote all or part of a sermon to the question of health and particularly tuberculosis. In many Sunday schools some time will likewise be devoted to presenting the subject. In many churches and Sunday schools laymen and physicians will also talk.

Gifford Pinchot, chairman of State Committee in charge of the Christmas Seal and Health Bond sale, said:

"I should like to see Pennsylvania's schools and churches use these days for emphasizing the fact that the White Plague is still a serious menace. The steady drop in the death rate from tuberculosis in Pennsylvania (from 150.9 per 100,000 population in 1906 to 117 in 1919) appears to bear a direct relation to the progress made in bringing to the public the fact that tuberculosis is a preventable disease.

The messages on the Seal this year 'Merry Christmas' and 'Healthy New Year'—call for plenty of time in the fresh air and sunshine of the outdoors, the eating of wholesome food and the taking of plenty of rest. These are the simple but effective remedies against tuberculosis. It will mean much for the public health if these simple lessons are brought more forcibly to the attention of everybody on these two days."

Tuberculosis Day will be observed in nearly all states of the Union on these days—December 3 and 5.

CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School at Shepler Mission Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Service in charge of John Huzhes at 7:45.

Trinity Episcopal church, Seventh street and Schoonmaker avenue.—9:45 a. m., Church School. 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon. All are welcome to attend our services. —Gomer D. Griffith, Rector.

First Baptist church, Rev. E. T. Carter, pastor—Sunday school at 9:30; Morning worship at 10:45 and evening worship at 7:45. All are welcome.

The Associated Bible Students meet every Sunday morning in Kelly's hall for Bible Study at 3 p. m. A speaker from Pittsburgh will give an address which all should hear. Come and bring your friends.

Chiesa Ev. Italiana di San Paolo, McKee avenue. (tra la Seconda e Rostraver Str.) Servizi Religiosi. Domenica ore 3 p. m. Dottrina Cristiana. Domenica ore 4 p. m. Predicazione.

The First Presbyterian church—J. R. McFarland, pastor. Sabbath school at 9:45 a. m. Dr. W. P. Gemmill, superintendent. Preaching services at 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. Mid week prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:45 p. m.

First M. E. church, Schoonmaker avenue and Fourth street, Rev. John Bickford, D. D. pastor—Sunday School at 9:30, Roger Richards, superintendent; morning worship at 10:45, Junior League at 2:30; Epworth League at 6:45 and evening service at 7:45. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

First United Brethern church—"The church on the Hill near your home; it's Homelike." Rev. A. C. Van Suan, pastor. Daniel Reamer, superintendent of Church School.—Church school at 9:30. Morning worship at 10:45. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2:30. Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Evening worship and sermon at 7:30 o'clock.

First Christian church—Percy A. Davis, pastor—Bible school at 9:30 a. m., Frank Bowers, superintendent. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8 o'clock. Sunday evening services at 7:30. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Morning sermon subject "The Entrance of the King." Evening subject, "Good out of Nazareth." All are welcome to attend any of these services.

Christ Lutheran church, 221 McKee avenue, Rev. A. F. Schilling, pastor—Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. German services at 10:45 a. m., English services at 7:30 p. m. Teachers meeting on Friday evening at 7:45. Special German services Tuesday at 8 p. m. Special English services on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. A. Mackensen of Ann Arbor, Mich., will be the speaker on both these services

Wayman A. M. E. church, corner Reed and McKee Way. Rev. R. R. Downs, pastor. Parsonage 689 McKee Way. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m., A. A. Lucas, superintendent. 11 A. M., preaching by the pastor and class meeting. 6 p. m., Allen Christian Endeavor League. A. A. Boyer, leader. 7:30 p. m., sermon. 7:30 p. m., Wednesday prayer meeting. Board meeting, every fourth Monday at 7:30 p. m. An invitation is extended to all who wish to attend any or all of these services.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Eighth street and Donner avenue, Rev. Paul A. Weidley, pastor—Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:45 p. m., with sermons by the pastor. Morning subject, "The Grace of Liberality." The evening subject, "Peter, the Boaster," the fourth sermon in the series on "The Life of Peter." Luther League at 6:30 p. m. Theodore Olsen leader. Mid-week devotional Bible Study on Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock. The public is welcome at all these services.

United Presbyterian, Eighth street and Schoonmaker avenue, Rev. Wilson Reid pastor—Sabbath School at 10 a. m., Prof. Clark McClelland, superintendent, classes to suit all ages, a place where you may encourage others as well as receive a rich blessing yourself. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Y. P. C. U. at 6:30, subject, "The Thanksgiving Habit" leader, Charles Fraser. Evening services at 7:30 o'clock. Midweek prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. These services are open to all and strangers will find a comfortable church home with our friendly people.

May Murray in "The Mormon Maid," at the Olympic theatre Monday.

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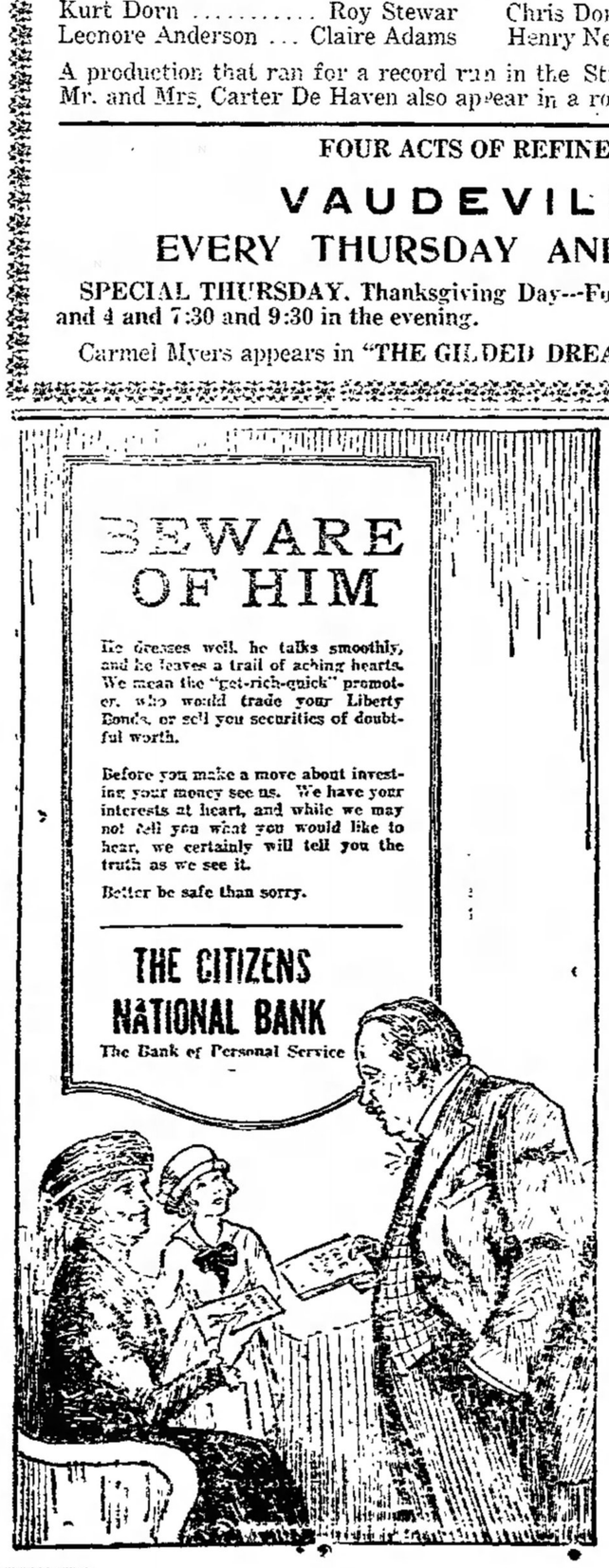

Local and Personal Items of Interest

There is no charge for items contributed to this column of the going and coming of people or social happenings. Call 53.

A Stein, of New York City is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Myers on McKee avenue.

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The Evening Bridge club held a business session at the home of Mrs. A. N. Shuster last evening.

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A number of local people were in Pittsburgh last night and were inducted into Shrinedom at the Syria Temple.

For your convenience, our store will be open every evening from now until Christmas.—Brown's jewelry store 37-tf

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Adams of Franklin, Pa., are visiting with relatives and friends in this city over the week end.

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Mrs. G. F. Wright entertained the members of the Women's Club at her home on McKee avenue yesterday afternoon.

Do your Chirstmas shopping early Brown's Jewelry store will help you by keeping open every evening from now until Christmas. 37-tf

Mrs. C. H. Wilt and son, Bobby, left at noon today for their home in Dormont, after visiting with Mr. Wilt, husband and father, for several days

Among those attending the foot ball game at Uniontown today ere Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hersberger, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Baker.

Don't forget the bazaar the Baptist Ladies Aid is giving December 9th. Fancy work, aprons, large and small and many other articles on sale. 1t

Jane Giffin, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Giffin of Highland avenue who has been critically ill with scarlet fever was reported slightly improved this morning.

The Polish Society will give a dance and entertainment at the G. B. U. hall this evening. The proceeds are to be used towards the Red Cross work being done here.

A poorly adjusted machine always does poor work. Investigate the advantages of chiropractic adjustments, logical, safe, economical. Dr. Beery, Chiropractor, 404 Donner avenue. 41-2t

Miss Mary Brallney, Mrs. J. R. Stoll, Elizabeth Stoll and James H. Stoll of Cleveland, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Murphy, 120 Schoonmaker avenue.

Ray McKnight son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McKnight of 116 Miller avenue, this city, was rushed to the Monongahela hospital yesterday morning where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. His condition this morning is reported favorable.

Hear the wonderful lecture of Dr. John Helps Bickford in the Methodist church Tuesday evening, November 29rd, on the subject "Heroes and Heroism" under the auspices of the Ladies Foreign Missionary society. Admission 35 cents. Dr. Bickford is one of the famous platform men of the country and his lecture will please all. Don't forget the date. 40-4t

Disregard Treaty

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here have made no attempt to conceal their astonishment at the German note. They point out that the former enemy country already has definitely renounced her colonies under article 119 of the treaty

By her action it is assumed that Germany has definitely abandoned any intention of applying to the league for membership at this session of the Assembly. France had previously made it known that any move to admit Germany at this time would result in immediate withdrawal of the French. The German defiance is believed to have increased the opposition to her administration.

The League's first steps toward universal disarmament will be taken this afternoon when Hjalmar Branting, of Sweden, submits the report of his "sixth commission" outlining plans for this move. The report will be read at a public session.

At the morning session, Delegate Karnberek submitted a motion demanding that the council submit article 18 of the covenant—providing that treaties shall not be binding until they are registered with the league—to a commission of international jurists for interpretation. The motion, which will be discussed, later, is the first of several which are expected to be presented, asking interpretation or modification of the covenant.

IN MEMORIAM

Julia, beloved wife of H. C. Dunn. Nov. 21, 1921.

One less at home!
The charmed circle broken—a dear face,
Missed day by day from its accustomed place;
But, cleansed and saved and perfected by grace
One more in Heaven!

INCOME TAX REPORT

Washington, Nov. 18.—Pennsylvanians paid a total of $137,781,370 in personal income tax for 1918, or 12.22 per cent of the total collected for the entire United States, including all states and territories, and the tax paid by Americans residing abroad.

Those Pennsylvanians filing income tax returns for 1918 reported aggregate net incomes of $1,770,848,133, or 11.12 per cent of the aggregate income of all Americans paying an income tax to the Federal Government.

Altogether 518,729 individuals in Pennsylvania filed income tax returns, as compared with a total for the Nation-at-large of 4,425,114. Ever since the present income tax law became effective in 1916, Pennsylvania has led all states with the exception of New York, in number of tax returns filed, total income of taxpayers and total of income tax paid. For 1918 the Federal income tax collected in Pennsylvania exceeded the total obtained from residents of Illinois and Ohio combined. These figures are taken from statistics of income of the calendar year ending December 31, 1918, made public today by the commissioner of internal revenue. It was announced that the returns of partnerships and corporations for the same year are now being compiled, and will be available soon. The figures announced today include only personal income tax returns.

According to the bureau's preliminary report, $1,127,721,955 was raised by the income tax law in 1918 from 4,425,114 taxpayers throughout the country. The total income reported in these returns was $15,924,639,355. The average amount of tax paid by the four million odd taxpayers was $254.85 and the average tax rate for the year was 7.08 per cent.

All these figures represent an increase over the returns for the preceding year. As compared with 1917, they represent a gain of 652,224 in the number of returns filed, an increase in the total net income reported of $2,272,256,148 and an increase of $436,228,881 in the tax collected.

The five other leading states contributed as follows:

New York—539,753 individuals paid $374,247,417 in income taxes, or 31.41 per cent of the Nation's total of incomes, aggregating $2,749,713,784.

Illinois—295,918 taxpayers paid $84,360,642 or 7.5 per cent of total or incomes of $1,356,349,435.

Massachusetts — 260,796 persons paid $55,170,252, or 4.89 per cent on total for country on incomes aggregating $960,314,402.

Pennsylvanians paid income taxes more than the total collected from 32 southern and western states. For 1918, the number of returns filed by Pennsylvanians was 58 per cent greater than in 1917, 190,558 more individuals in the state reporting taxable incomes for the year preceding.

(By United Press)

Youngstown, Ohio, Nov. 20—Police here today believe that Joseph Manguso, 35, and John Manguso, 42, whose stiletto-pierced bodies were found late yesterday by a farmer boy who stumbled upon them in a snow-covered ditch on a lonely country road, were members of a payroll handit gang that has been operating in and near Cleveland for several months

The police theory is that the two men, whose heads were also cave in, were slain in an auto, which abandoned was found nearby. The Manguso who, though of the same name, were not brothers, were wanted for a murder last September

(By United Press)

Paris, Nov. 20—Representatives of Lithuania are in Moscow negotiating with the Russian government for a military offensive against Poland, according to advices received from the capital today.

Lucerne, Nov. 20—Vice Admiral Mark Kerr, former British naval attache at Athens, held an unofficial conference with former King Constantine shortly after his arrival here, it was learned today.

CONFINED TO HOSPITAL

Two men, one an officer and the other an alien from Lassitty, Ohio, are confined to the Brownsville General hospital with few chances for recovery. Both suffer from gunshot wounds of the abdomen, the result of a little gunplay in which four men, two officers and two aliens, participated yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock.

Eudke Gregory, aged 32, Front street, Brownsville, police officer, is in the hospital. He was shot in the abdomen, as was also his alleged assailant, Constantino De BeFelice, of Lassity, Ohio. BeFelice is aged 30. He suffers from three severe gunshot wounds of the abdomen. Both were resting comfortably yesterday, but hospital surgeons have very little hopes for their recovery.

The shooting occurred on a road between Vestaburg and Brownsville at a point just beyond Vesta Six. The police version is that Gregory and Leonard Carlson, an officer for the Vesta Coal company, home in Monessen, were coming to Brownsville via taxi cab BeFelice and another alien man, of about 32 years, were in the same taxi and were under the influence of liquor, as alleged.

Policeman Gregory ordered BeFelice to be careful of his language. His request was ignored. The officer drew his billy and was in the act of arresting BeFelice when the latter shot at the officer, the one bullet passing through Gregory's abdomen and another through his left arm. Carlson went to Gregory's assistance. He was made the target of another shot. This one penetrated the officer's left leg. Carlson refused to go to the Brownsville hospital for treatment. He said he would consult a physician in Monessen. In the shooting, BeFelice received the benefit of two shots from a 32 calibre revolver. Both entered his abdomen. A third went wild. BeFelice's companion, believed a brother, made good his getaway during the shooting.

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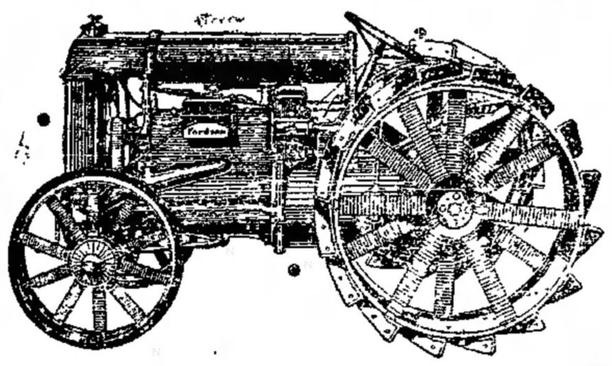

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PETER

By JANE McBAIN.

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Lulu Bent, aged twenty, boarded cats, and her mother, a widow with a large family and suburban home, but small bank account, boarded anybody.

Mrs. Archibald Frothman, a rich city dame of English stock, contemplating a visit to the land of her forefathers, motored out to Bent's to see if they would board her cat, Peter, and also her son, during her absence in the approaching summer. Mrs. Bent agreed to.

Mrs. Frothman thereupon proceeded to give Lulu, who took special charge of the cats, instructions regarding Peter.

"Now, Miss Bent," she said, "you must kiss Peter every night, for he always kisses me and I don't want that affectionate habit broken. You must treat him to ice cream occasionally and feed him with sardines and the best salmon steak." There were other instructions regarding Peter's nap, his walk, and so forth. Then Mrs. Frothman spoke a few words regarding her son.

"He is literary—but perfectly harmless. I am not particular as to what you give him—if you only understand him—for I never could." Then the dame, after promising to call with her charges before sailing for Europe, departed.

At the expected time she again arrived. The cat was an immense maltese animal, his mouth being the homeliest part of him. The son was a handsome young fellow with superior manners and, apparently, an intellect as well as a heart. His name was the same as the cat's, Peter.

The neighbors, who knew Mrs. Bent well, remarked, with a wink, that the four-legged Peter being only a cat, and the two-legged one a "cat-ch," there was quite a difference.

Mrs. Bent's idea of feline treatment was the cats should take what was given them.

Soon Lulu and Mr. Frothman became friends. Mr. Frothman, much traveled, and a member of the best society, proved an edifying and agreeable companion. To them the end of the summer came too quickly, and with it Mrs. Frothman, for the object of her tenderest care, her cat.

"How's Peter?" was the first query

"He's fine!" was the reply.

"Is Lulu kind to him?"

"Yes, awful!"

"That's good!" exclaimed Mrs. Frothman.

"What has Peter had to eat?"

"O—er—everything that's nice. I wish he was here all the time. Lulu makes ice cream for him, and jiffy jell, and Hiawatha cake—and fudge—and everything I like."

"Indeed!" exclaimed Mrs. Frothman, manifesting some surprise. "I'm afraid that you've been too indulgent. But, after all, it's best to treat our pets well.

"Where does Peter sleep?" was the next question.

"In the guest chamber," was the reply.

"Oh!" exclaimed Mrs. Frothman, with even more surprise.

"Does Lulu take Peter out to walk?"

"Oh, yes, she takes him to the band concert and he takes her to the opera. He takes her to the beach and he bought her a plaid silk bathing suit. You ought to see it—it's a beauty! I wish I had one like it."

Up to this point Mrs. Frothman had been all but dozing out of mere satisfaction, but now she started! She straightened up and looked at Mary like a hawk. Her sister, previously a listener only, took a hand at the questioning.

"Is Peter sweet on Lulu?"

"Oh, yes! everyone knows that!"

Mrs. Frothman had received a blow. But she recovered from it sufficiently to step at Mary.

"I have been asking about my cat, Peter. You have no right to call Mr. Frothman by his first name."

"He told us to," replied Mary, bristling with indignation. "He says he wants to be 'Peter' to all of us, always."

The ladies exchanged eloquent looks.

"I wish you to get my cat," demanded Mrs. Frothman, "do you know where he is?"

"I don't know, but I suppose he is somewhere about."

Mary arose to institute a search. But Mrs. Frothman called her back.

"What has Peter had to eat?"

"Oh—er—mice and—er—tiny bits of snakes and—er—he eats cockroaches, too."

Mrs. Frothman used her smelling salts.

"Where has he slept?"

"Oh—er—on the Scipione's old mattress. All their kids had the scarlet fever on it, but Peter likes to lie there."

Mrs. Frothman hastened Mary upon the search. She returned shortly with the cherished object. He had one eye closed as the result of an encounter with a rural enemy of his own kind; he had a swollen jaw from the same cause; he had a string collar with a peach stone charm around his neck instead of his dashing scarlet one with silver bells, which Mary confessed had been sold to the junk dealer for movie money.

"Oh, my poor Peter!" exclaimed his mistress, hysterically, but the former, instead of giving a respectful and appreciative mew, made a face at her, jumped up and bit her ear, worked himself free, then disappeared over the fence.

HOPE INSTEAD OF DESPAIR

Inscription Suggested for Portal of British Institution Would Seem Peculiarly Happy.

Above the entrance to the prison on Dartmoor, Eng., which is now to be done away with, two Latin words are cut into the stone, which may be rendered "Spare the vanquished," and it was in this spirit the French prisoners in the Napoleonic wars as well as American prisoners in the War of 1812 were received and treated, and in time allowed to live on parole in the neighboring villages and towns.

Stories of these refined and charming hostages have delighted the heart of youthful readers of many generations, and the work done by them in carving and carpentering is still carefully treasured in many a home in Dartmoor to the present day. Little could they have imagined that the fine air would make Dartmoor as famous a resort as some of the highlands of Switzerland, and that after having become a convict prison about 60 years ago, the place of their incarceration would be turned into an institution for training lads on the Borstal system. The boys will have freedom, and will be acquiring a knowledge of farming and reclamation work, as well as other means of gaining a living and fitting them to become valuable members of society. The boys will be merely hostages, and another legend should be carved over the gateway, this time something more suitable to the occasion, such as "Take hope, all you who enter here."—Christian Science Monitor.

Measuring Mammoth Cave.

An odd method has been used in measuring the height of some of the great chambers in the Mammoth cave. The experimenter had little balloons made of a special pattern, with thinner and more elastic rubber than that of common toy balloons. Then, with five balloons tied in a cluster, and each inflated with hydrogen to a diameter of 10 inches, he began his attempts. An acetylene light revealed the balloons when they touched the top. The measuring tape was a light thread. The Rotunda was found to be just 40 feet high, and the Mammoth dome 119 feet 6 inches. But in the vast temple called Gorin's dome, wandering air-currents rendered the balloons unmanageable.

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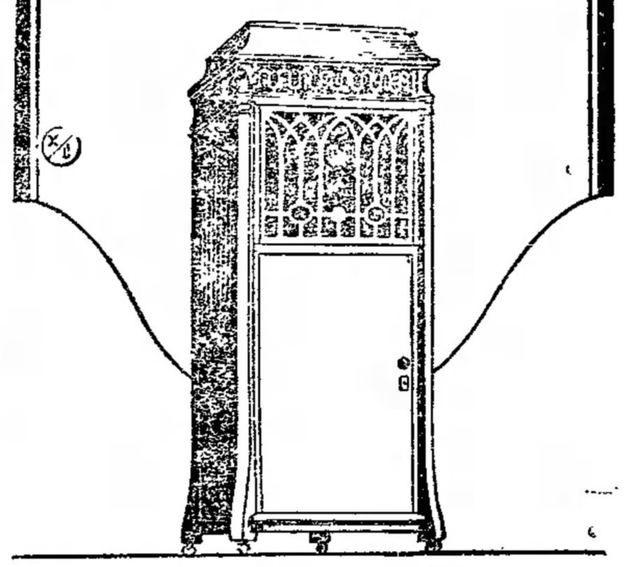

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The extent to which the American Red Cross has entered into the lives of the people at large in the Pennsylvania-Delaware Division, comprising the states of Pennsylvania and Delaware, is not generally known. During the past year, the first full year of operation under the comprehensive peace program, this great organization has given aid to more than half a million of the population of this state and Delaware.

The Public Health.

Of all these activities the public health and nursing service is the most far-reaching in its effects at the present time. The Red Cross is actively co-operating with Dr. Edward Martin, State Director of Public Health to aid in the betterment of the public health and he recognizes the power for good of the organization. Nursing services have been established by many chapters of the state, some of them being Erie Corry (Erie County), Clarion, Brookville (Jefferson County), Altoona, Westmoreland, Pittsburgh, Beaver, Mount Pleasant, (Westmoreland County); Washington, Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Clinton Cambria, Tioga, Cameron, Ridgway, (Elk County), Franklin (Venango County); Du Bois (Clearfield County); Clearfield, Bellefonte, (Center County); Moshannon (Center County); State College (Center County), Huntingdon, Fulton, Juniata, Franklin, (Franklin County); Wayne, Lebanon, Wyoming Valley, Wilkes-Barre, (Luzerne County); Pike, Greater Berwick, (Columbia County); Danville (Montour County); Monroe, Carbon, Catasauqua, (Lehigh County); Allentown, Mahanoy City, Bethlehem, (Northampton County); Harrisburg, Southeastern Pennsylvania (services established in Bucks, Montgomery, Chester and Delaware Counties); Wallingford (Delaware County); Lancaster, York, Donora, (Washington County), and four established in the state of Delaware.

During the first six months of the year in the nursing service in Pennsylvania, the public health nurses made 44,337 visits. There are now sixty-five nursing services established and eighty-four nurses are employed in the public health services.

The astounding number of visits made during the year to the sick who are unable to secure proper attention for themselves may be seen when it is considered that each nurse makes about 115 visits a month In the Tioga chapter, for example, the three nurses employed by that Chapter made 1510 calls, and about this same proportion is maintained in the other Chapters In another Chapter, prompt Red Cross measures prevented an epidemic.

Teaching First Aid.

Scarcely second to the public health education and nursing service, are the classes for the teaching of First Aid to the Injured. In the United States as a whole, there are about 100,000 fatal accidents annually, and fully 500,000 which do not result fatally. Pennsylvania, as a great manufacturing and mining state, with about one-twelfth of the population of the country, can therefore count on at least 8500 fatal accidents and about 45,000 non-fatal ones, each year.

But a non-fatal accident may easily result in the death of the victim unless prompt and efficient aid be given, and this is what the Red Cross First Aid teaches. It is impossible to estimate the number of lives saved in Pennsylvania and Delaware by the Red Cross during the past year by means of its First Aid classes, but it must be a very considerable number.

During the first six months of 1920 the Red Cross conducted 41 First Aid classes in which there were 1245 students, of whom 711 received certificates of graduation. This number will be greatly increased before the close of the year.

Among the Chapters which have added first aid courses to their activities are: Erie, Crawford, Warren, Brookville (Jefferson County); Oil City (Venango County); Punxsutawney (Jefferson County), Armstrong, Indiana, Butler, Beaver, New Kensington (Westmoreland County); Pittsburgh, Latrobe (Westmoreland County); Donora (Washington County); Mount Pleasant (Westmoreland); Somerset, Fayette, Greene, Snyder, Greater Berwick (Columbia County); Danville (Montour County); Southeastern Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) and the Delaware Chapter.

During the Epidemics.

No stronger evidence of the efficiency and preparedness of the Red Cross could be shown than in the influenza epidemics of the past two years. By a prompt mobilization of the Red Cross nursing resources thousands of lives were saved in Pennsylvania, and the Red Cross Chapters stood gallantly by the families of the victims giving food, fuel and money where necessary, until the unfortunates were again self-supporting. Fully 100,000 cases were administered to in this state and Delaware by the Red Cross, and many lives were thus saved which otherwise would have been sacrificed.

The teaching of Home Nursing by the Red Cross is another most important activity. Ninety per cent of all cases of illness are nursed in the home and with this percentage, home nursing is of the first importance.

During the first six weeks of 1920, the Red Cross conducted 226 classes in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick, 77 instructors teaching 2845 students, most of whom passed satisfactory examinations.

This great record was made by a large number of the Chapters, as the Home Hygiene course is instantly recognized as a thoroughly practical one and it is taught by actual demonstration as well as precept. Tioga County graduated 420 pupils and Lycoming, Potter, Union, Kane, McKean County, Wilkes-Barre, and many other chapters had notably fine records.

Home Service Work.

This activity grew out of the war, and among those Chapters which have secured permission to extend home service to civilian families are Mercer, Beaver, Titusville (Crawford County); Forest, Oil City (Venango County); Punxsutawney (Jefferson County); Indiana, Perry, Westmoreland, Latrobe (Westmoreland County); Fayette, Somerset, Wyndber (Somerset County); Cambria, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata, Harrisburg, Southeastern Pennsylvania, covering Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties; Southern Schuylkill, Carbondale (Lackawanna County); Easton (Northampton County); Adams, and the Delaware Chapter. A number of other Chapters have made application for this permission.

In the first part of 1920 Home Service has been rendered in about 20,000 cases, excluding entertainments given by the Red Cross, the attendance at these entertainments reaching about 100,000. Thus Home Service alone came into contact with almost 200,000 persons in the state.

Specific cases of what Home Service has done might be multiplied indefinitely. The Harrisburg Home Service paid for a delicate and expensive operation, which gave a hopelessly crippled little boy the normal use of his legs and will enable him to become a useful member of his community The Scranton Home Service helped a blind soldier open a store which he is successfully conducting and made him a self-supporting citizen instead of a dependent upon others Cases such as these might be mentioned in almost every Chapter in the state. In Fayette County Chapter, Home Service handled 2300 cases in the first half of the year and the Beaver County Home Service and Juniors together have provided for tonsil and adenoid operations for children unable to pay for these.

Baby Welfare Clinics.

The Red Cross pays especial attention to the health of the baby and in the first half of 1920 baby welfare centers were opened by 30 Chapters with enormously good results. A few of the Chapters doing this great work are Southeastern Pennsylvania (at Ardmore and Coatesville), Greater Berwick (Columbia County); Carbon, New Bethlehem (Clarion County); Latrobe, Indiana, Delaware and many others.

It is impossible to say how many little lives were saved by the Red Cross and how much suffering averted, but the number is undoubtedly very large.

Special Activities.

But the work of the Red Cross for the people of Pennsylvania did not end here. There were many special activities conducted by Chapters. The Delaware Chapter maintains a very efficient Motor Corps which takes the nurses from place to place, rushes desperate cases to the hospitals and gives pleasure rides to the aged and the poorer children. The York Chapter has a dental hygiene dispensary which has done remarkable work in its specialty dental clinics are conducted by the Lawrence County and many other Chapters. Armstrong County New Bethlehem (Clarion County), and Kittanning (Armstrong County), as well as some other Chapters, have opened free community centers and rest rooms, maintained by the Red Cross Chapters; Berks County (Reading) has a remarkably successful continuation school to enable those who must work, to continue their studies.

Shippensburg Chapter (Cumberland County), has supplied clothing to children who otherwise would be unable to obtain it. In Carlisle, the same county, there is an ideal Nurses Recreation House at the hospital, provided by the Red Cross; Corry (Erie County), has started a Little Mother's League; Blair County, as well as many other Chapters, conducted First Aid Tents at the County Fairs; Wyoming County has a Bed Nursing Class and an established Health Nurse; Milton (Northumberland County), has established a Health Center as have many other Chapters of the Division, while Bedford distributed 600 garments to the poor of the county, besides furnishing them with food, fuel and supplies. Juniata and Perry contribute to the Red Cross as a Mem ber of the Red Cross on this proud record of a year the Red Cross asks the people of the Pennsylvania-Delaware Division for a renewal of membership during Roll Call which opens November 11, Armistice Day, to November 25, Thanksgiving Day.

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The rules were prepared by a special committee which has been investigating the question of divorce hearings in other counties in the light of the excessive number granted at the present time in this county.

In all but two counties of the state now divorces are given a preliminary hearing in this manner Divorce court will be held four times a year when appeals from the master court will be heard, it was stated

Future applicants for divorce in this county, under the new procedure will be given an opportunity to adjust their marital difficulties without the sensational prominence given the principals when they appear in open court. Judge Hargest, of the Dauphin County Court stated in accepting the report.

The fee for obtaining a hearing in the masters court has been raised to $50.00 and must be paid in advance, he said, so that a safeguard may be placed around the sanctity of marriage.

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